



ARC-OVER

Turlock Amateur Radio Club (T.A.R.C.)



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October 2025

The next general club meeting is Tuesday October 14, 2025, at the Salvation Army
893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. There will be a testing session at 6:00 pm.

Doors will open close to 7:00 pm and meeting will start shortly after.





From the desk of the V.P. and ARC-Over editor:
Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to the October edition of the ARC-OVER. This month there will be an antenna building project (20 meter di-pole) hosted by Tim WI6NG and Eric K7RKU. Ken KF6IDK gave a great presentation on emergency preparedness and Anderson power poles at last month's meeting.

As you read this newsletter, I will be at Pacificon in San Ramon. I hope to see other club members at this event as well. I will give a run down in next month's edition. A lot of things are going on in the world of amateur radio. Last month the club sponsored a POTA activation at Hatfield State Park. Also, the 3rd annual StanJoaquin ham swap meet and lunch, sponsored by the SARA and Stockton Delta amateur radio clubs, was held in Ripon. Look for some photos of these events in the newsletter. Thanks to Don W6DEJ for the great photos.

If you are an ARRL member you should have received an email to vote for the Pacific Division director. There is a link in the email to cast your vote electronically. I have cast my vote for John Litz NZ6Q, and it was easy to do.

Another important item that can affect amateur radio operators, especially those who live in HOA's, is a bill (known as the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act) sponsored by the ARRL in congress to limit HOA's ability to prohibit or limit amateur radio antennas. Please take a moment to send your representatives and senators a letter in support of this bill. I have attached information from the ARRL where you can follow a link to send the letters. You do not have to be a league member to do this. I have sent in my letters, and it was easy to do.

You can now join or renew your membership for 2026. Your dues help with paying for the rent and maintenance of the TARC repeater system and club events. If you have not already done so, please consider joining or renewing your club membership. Thanks to everyone who has renewed, joined, or donated to the club. **You can now pay your dues online at the club website.** You can still pay with cash or check, but the online option is now available. If paying with cash or

check please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date.



Ham Radio Influencers Rally Around Bill

There is momentum to involve every radio amateur in ARRL's grassroots campaign to pass the [Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act](#). Hosts from popular amateur radio YouTube channels have engaged their subscribers to learn more about the legislation, and some have hosted ARRL leaders for interviews on their shows.

A common theme is how easy ARRL has made it for every ham to send letters to Congress. Go to www.arrrl.org/HOA and click Send Your Letters Now. Then enter your call sign and push the SEND MY LETTERS button.

Carolyn Mendonca has some items for sale from her father's amateur radio equipment. Tony Rose W6KOI (SK) was a long-time member of TARC. Please look at the attached pictures of some of the equipment.

If you have anything to submit to the ARC-OVER, please let me know at kf6npg@aol.com. For the latest information on amateur radio activities follow the club on discord, Facebook, club website, and read the ARC-OVER.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the club meeting.



Captain Jeff KN6GKF kit building at the 2024 Pacificon.

Arc-Over “Message from the President” Article - October 2025

The club President Eric K7RKU has been extremely busy with cub business (and he works full time), unfortunately there is no president message this month.

POTA Photos Courtesy Don W6DEJ





**Meeting of the Turlock
Amateur Radio Club
09/09/2025, 7:00 PM
Regular Club Meeting**

Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes-Motion by Bobby (WB6BRU), seconded by Bambi (KI6YQL) and motion carried

4. Officer Reports

President - Eric (K7RKU):

TARC Equipment Lending Library - a Yaesu FT-991A has been added to the program (currently on loan), and the Yaesu FT-891 is back and ready to loan.

Plenty of stickers and a few t-shirts left:

SHORT Sleeve

three XLs - 1 dark gray heather, 2 military green

one 3XL - 1 dark gray heather

LONG Sleeve

two 2XLs - 2 black

Tonight's raffle prizes: - a Kenwood 220 MHz transceiver, a Radioddity 2m / 70cm / DMR digital HT, as well as some power pole goodies.

Election season is upcoming and December meeting will only involve dessert and a business meeting along with elections of officers for 2026.

Vice President / Program Committee / Arc-Over - Lucian (KF6NPG): tonight's presentation by Ken (KF6IDK) will be on Power Poles. A review of the many upcoming activities was briefly covered and referenced to the Arc-Over for more details.

Treasurer - Lena (KN6VOH): reviewed expenditures, income and account balances as per attached spread sheet.

Trustee / Repeater Committee - Spencer (KJ6ART): Explained club was in it's final year of the lease atop Mt. Bullion with an effort to go forward for an extension thereof. Also discussion of the low level repeater and systems.

5. Other Reports

Merced ARES - Dave (KG6NUO) not present. Lucian (KF6NPG) informed the members that Dave (KG6NUO) was under the weather but that he intended to continue to conduct meetings via Zoom with the next meeting scheduled for September 17.

Guy (KN6WE7) from the Fresno radio club announced that Oct 3rd at 735 3rd, Clovis, Ed Fong would be giving a presentation on endfed half wave antennas.

6. Standing Committees

Portable Operations / Special Events Committee. Past POTA activity reviewed. Thanks to Don (W6DEJ) and Kevin (KO6HZC) for a great Fox Hunt. Looking forward to getting Mike (AD6AA) involved as well. It was revealed that the next POTA will be - Saturday 09/27/2025, Hatfield State Rec Area, 10:00a - 2:00p

7. Old Business

Update of club documents and election procedures is still in process - will present to membership at the October general meeting assuming completed at that time.

8. New Business

Antenna build after the October meeting planned with Tim helping.

Holiday meeting - change in format discussed as per above. It was announced that there was to be what was described as a "**SUPER PRIZE**" available that night, a premium dual band radio unit priced in the \$350 range.

Adjournment at 7:30 pm. Motion by Greg (KN6ZGE), seconded by Ed (K7ERD) and motion carried.

Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) secretary

Turlock Amateur Radio Club
Income Expenses
September 30, 2025

Beginning Bank Balance as of Bank Statement 08/31/2025		<u>\$ 6,815.17</u>
42721 Raffle	290.00	
46750 T-ShirtSales	96.00	
47210 MembershipDues	60.00	
Total Income	<u><u>\$ 446.00</u></u>	
62835 Lease Mt Bullion	(420.00)	
62890 Utilities-PG&E	(166.48)	
65015 MeetingRefreshments(Sep)	(17.97)	
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$ (604.45)</u></u>	
Ending Banks Balance 09/30/2025		<u><u>\$ 6,656.72</u></u>

Turlock Discord Server





Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® (www.arrl.org/ares) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League)).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm and will be held over ZOOM. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email Dave to get on the list for the meetings at dave.anderson@arrl.net . For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Dave KG6NUO.



Photos Courtesy Don W6DEJ

StanJoaquin Swap Meet





Equipment for Sale

9/3/25, 3:27 PM

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We have more items than those in these
Pictures.

Mike + Carolyn Mendonca
(209) 606-2147

Email: mendoncaranch@gmail.com

Item were owned by Tony (W6KOI) Rose
Note: We are looking for someone to help do some
Programming on GMRS Radio and Ham Radio.
Please contact us, if you can give us a hand.
Also, if anyone in the Club would like to come
look at the HAM equipment call us.













UPCOMING EVENTS

The club will sponsor 5 amateur radio license test sessions in 2025.

February 11, 2025, April 8, 2025, June 10, 2025, August 12, 2025, and October 14, 2025.

October

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10th to 12th 2025 Pacificon. San Ramon Marriott 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA. Refer to attached flyer for more information.

Tuesday 14th. Club meeting is at 7:00 pm, doors will open at 7:00 pm, as there will be a ham testing session at 6:00pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Antenna build coordinated by Tim WI6NG and Eric K7RKU

Wednesday 15th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held over google meets. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arrl.net .

November

Tuesday 11th. Club meeting will start at 7:00 pm and the doors will open at 6:30 pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Presentation on working Community Events.

Wednesday 19th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held over google meets. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arrl.net .

Saturday 22nd 51st annual Turkey Trot Run at Donnelly Park. More information to follow.

December

Friday 5th 46th annual Turlock Christmas Parade. More information to follow.

Tuesday 9th. Club meeting will start at 7:00 pm and the doors will open at 6:30 pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Presentation TBA.

Wednesday 17th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held over google meets. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arri.net .

A poster for the 51st Annual Turkey Trot. The background features a stylized turkey tail fan in shades of brown, orange, and red. The text is prominently displayed in the center. At the bottom, there are two columns of details about the event, including location, registration, and race options, separated by a vertical dotted line. The City of Turlock logo is in the bottom right corner.

THE CITY OF TURLOCK PRESENTS...

51ST ANNUAL

TURKEY

TROT

NOVEMBER 22, 2025

Location:
Donnelly Park
600 Pedras Rd, Turlock, CA 95382

Registration:
September 4 - November 14
(Register by October 17 for a guaranteed custom race shirt!)

Prizes will be awarded to top finishers in each age group for the 1 Mile and 2 Mile Runs. 1 Mile Walk participants will not receive prizes, but all participants will be entered into a prize drawing!

Ages 12 & Under:
1 Mile Run
\$22.00 per participant

Ages 13 & Up:
1 Mile Walk
\$22.00 per participant

(OR)

2 Mile Run
\$28.00 per participant

☎ 209-668-5594
✉ recreation@turlock.ca.us

The logo for the City of Turlock, featuring a stylized house and trees within a circular frame, with the text "CITY OF TURLOCK INC. 1908" below it.

46TH ANNUAL TURLOCK DOWNTOWN
CHRISTMAS PARADE

GINGERBREAD

Dreamland

DECEMBER 5, 2025
6:30PM



TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Club Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday (club meeting night)
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net – Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Valley Section ARES Net – Sundays 7:30 PM

2026 Dues

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- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://W6BXN.org) and subscribe.

2025 Club Officers

To protect TARC members' personal information, we will no longer post the list of members on the club website. For all club inquiries, including membership status, please send an email to info@w6bxn.org.

President Eric K7RKU

Secretary Walter KI6PB

Sergeant at Arms Jerry KN6GJK

Member at Large Bambi KI6YQL

Vice President/ARC-OVER Editor Lucian KF6NPG

Treasurer Lena KN6VOH

Member at Large John N6JCS

Club Trustee Spencer KJ6ART

